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Welcome to the first issue in 2016 of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques* (hereinafter **RSP**).

The research contents and the scientific interests of this issue are dedicated to the encounter of the individual with the state and the ideological and practical approaches of this level of analysis considering the living dialectics of law-politics. The content of issue 49/2016 is focused in-between the key topics of the historical patterns, social legacies and current legal challenges.

The articles gathered under the latest issue of **RSP/ 2016** (issue 49/2016) offer an epistemological perspective of the micro and macro understandings of post-communist proposals and consider experience as a way to rationalize the basis of knowledge.

Thus, Eugenia Udangiu claims “the dual foundations of knowledge and the critical rationalism” aiming at “considering a new attempt at compromise between the opposite positions, based on elements of the philosophy of mind”. This approach individualizes the maximalist and minimalist rationalism or empiricism by conceptualizing and “equally interacting with World1 and with World2”.

In line with these comparative approaches, Cristina Murgu brings new understandings to the legal conflict of constitutional nature in the European space. Murgu argues on the manner in which “the main reasons why only the Constitutional Courts or

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Federal Tribunals can be invested, by certain institutions, with the settlement of the legal conflicts of constitutional nature”.

Irina Gvelesiani places the terminological peculiarities of the *fiducie* and *fiducia* within the linguistically challenged legal area of jurisdiction. The article bends over the “the common law *trust* has become extremely popular since the beginning of the previous century” considering the French origins of the legal analysis.

Anca Parmena Olimid proposes a new management of the “concept mapping of civil society” considering “the relational analysis of its targeted topics for public participation and democratization practice” while, within the same field of applying the law, Alexandra Oanță (Nacu) exercises an institutional analysis over the public administration by the People’s Advocate.

As the journal reader shall consider, within the public involvement and citizen participation within the democratization logic of post-communism, the discussion over the personal data and fundamental rights is drafted as a means to the “protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data, as a response to the EU legislation” (Marioara Maxim).

Taking a brief leap into the taxation management and organizational factors and behaviors, the article signed by Narcis Mitu discusses “the potential for behavioural research to contribute to better tax collection and administration”. Within her analytical endeavour, Cristina Stanciu examines “the issue of risks related to contracts” starting from the assumption that “analyzing and defining risk, in general, was not pursued, in our juridical literature until the adoption of the current Civil Code” in the Romanian legislation.

Moving forward towards the IR analysis, Öncel Sencerman reconsiders the Russian diaspora as “a means of Russian foreign policy” focusing on “the Russian speaking communities in the former Soviet Republics”. Valon Krasniqi establishes the legal and practical basis of the political parties in Kosovo considering the historical patterns and institutional establishment.

The communication practices of post-communist Romania are further discovered as Antonia Matei by analysing the collective memory and media commemoration in the last twenty years. Camelia Cmeciu builds on arguing “the EU and non-EU citizens’ communication strategies of (de)legitimizing Turkey as a EU member”.

Within the first RSP issue of 2016 the Center of Post-Communist Political Studies (CEPOS/ CESPO) launches the Call for Papers for the 7th Edition of the International Conference *After Communism. East and West under Scrutiny*, University House, Craiova, Romania, 24-25 March 2017, proposing the following panels: Communism, transition, democracy; Post-communism and collective memory; Politics, ideologies and social action in transition; Revolution and political history; Political culture and citizen participation Law, legal studies and justice reform; Constitution(s), legality & political reforms; Political parties, electoral systems and electoral campaigns; Security and diplomacy in national and Euro-Atlantic environment; Rights, identities policies & participation; Education, media & social communication; Administrative history and governance within South-Eastern Europe during transition; Political leadership, democratization and regional security; Comparative policies, sustainable growth and urban planning; Knowledge transfer and competitiveness in regional economies; Global environment and cultural heritage; Integration, identity, and human rights in European systems; Religion, cultural history and education; Media, communication and politics; Discourse, language and social encounters; Bioethics and transition challenges;

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We enable that the main task of the issue 49/2016 of *RSP* is to assess *the individual-state relationship* leading to a new level for analysing mutual trust, confidence and public involvement.

We would like to inaugurate the new series of issues of *RSP* for 2016 (no. 49, 50, 51 and 52) by saluting our authors' innovative researches and studies and presenting our gratitude for their inspiring solutions in issue 49/ 2016!

Wishing you all the best,

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